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I.—On two new Species of Birds from New Ireland.

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(Plate I.)

1. DONACICOLA HUNSTEINI, sp. nov. (Plate I.)

Male. Black, quills lighter, more of a brownish black; vertex and nape ashy grey, the latter lighter; all these greyish feathers with dark brown centres; lores and cheeks black, with faint greyish apical edges, giving these parts a somewhat mottled appearance; upper tail-coverts dark chestnut, as are the external margins of the central tail-feathers; under wing-coverts pale rufous; bill and feet black; iris dark. Total length 3·3 inches, wing 1·9, tail 1·0.

Female like the male, but the upper tail-coverts brighter, more of a cinnamon-brown.

The young bird (Plate I. fig. 2) is dark brown, mixed with black and pale fulvous on breast and vent; on the nape are a few grey-tipped feathers; upper tail-coverts and tail uniform brown.

Fully adult specimens show very narrow greyish edgings to the feathers of the throat, which sometimes form a kind of interrupted semi-collar.

Hab. I discovered this handsome species at the extreme